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FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF A) MINUTES OF THE RESTRICTED SESSION  
OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING AND B) AGREED FMD WORK  
PROGRAM:

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 1975, EXECUTIVE MEETING  
OF THE COLOMBIAN UNITED STATES CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON THE  
DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY

THE COLOMBIAN-UNITED STATES CONSULTATIVESFROUP ON THE DARIEN  
GAP HIGHWAY MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE AFTERNOON  
OF DECEMBER 11, 1975, AND AFTER DISCUSSION OF THE JOINT  
FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AND HIGHWAY PROGRAMS, ARRIVED AT THE  
FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

1. UNDER THE JOINT ICA-USDA PROGRAM, CONSIDERABLE  
PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE CONTROL AND ERADICATION  
OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN AREAS I AND II, DUE  
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IN LARGE PART TO THE EXCELLENT TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED. THIS JOINT PROGRAM IS PART OF A LARGER EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA TO CONTROL FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO ACCELERATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT PROGRAM, THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM. THIS WILL INCLUDE SUCH STEPS AS GIVING THE PROGRAM GREATER AUTONOMY WITHIN THE INSTITUTO COLOMBIANO AGROPECUARIO, PERMITTING THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR GREATER AUTHORITY AS REGARDS FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND IMPROVING INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

3. THE CONCEPT OF A JOINT FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE PROGRAM BEYOND 1978 IS DESIREABLE AND DISCUSSIONS REGARDING COSTS AND ACTIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE FUTURE.

4. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLOMBIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL MEET INFORMALLY IN MARCH 1976 TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOOD AND MOUTH DISEASE ACTION PROGRAM, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED AS PART OF THESE MINUTES.

5. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SENIOR REVIEW GROUP AND THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL BE HELD IN JULY 1976.

6. AS REGARDS CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY, IT WAS AGREED:

A. THAT THE AMOUNT OF \$100 MILLION WAS ACCEPTABLE AS A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR CONSTRUCTION, ALTHOUGH COSTS ARE LIKELY TO ESCALATE, AND THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD SEEK TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT COST-SHARING RATIO.

B. THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO APID DELAYS IN THE COMPLETION OF THE REMAINING STUDY PROJECT, INCLUDING EFFORTS BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE INJUNCTION ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AFFECTING U. S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HIGHWAY PROGRAM.

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C. THAT FURTHER SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IS EXPECTED IN THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM, AND THEREFORE AT THE MEETING IN MARCH IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION OF THE RIO LEON- LOMAS- LAS AISLADAS SECTOR OF THE HIGHWAY.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AREAS I, II AND  
III

AREA I

DURING RECENT INSPECTION IS WAS OBSERVED THAT MOST OF  
THE CATTLE IN AREA I ARE BEING IDENTIFIED. HOWEVER,  
THIS IS A CONTINUING JOB WHICH SHOULD BE PURSUED EACH  
TIME AND INSPECTOR VISITS FARMS IN ORDER TO KEEP THE  
CENSUS AND IDENTIFICATIONS CURRENT.

THE COUNTRY OF MOVEMENT OF LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS  
INTO, WITHIN AND FROM AREA I SHOULD BE AFFECTED BY MARCH  
1, 1976. ALL LIVESTOCK IN SECTORS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 SHOULD  
BE INSPECTED EVERY 15 DAYS AND THOSE IN SECTORS 5, 6, 7,  
AND 8 ONCE EACH MONTH. THE FEW ANIMALS WHICH REMAIN IN THE  
NATIONAL PARK SHOULD BE INSPECTED BY INDERENA OR ICA  
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INSPECTORS MONTHLY. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROTECTED FOREST ZONE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY 6/1/76. COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF CONTROL POSTS AND INTENSIFY SURVEILLANCE TO BE CERTAIN THAT NO LIVESTOCK ARE INTRODUCED. TO EFFECT THE ABOVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EMPLOY SEVEN ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS AND TO FURNISH APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION

IT IS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER FMDV EXISTS IN THE CARRIER STATE IN ZONE I. SOME TESTING OF CATTLE FOR VIA WAS DONE, BUT NO ANIMALS WERE TESTED FOR VIRUS. THE FACT THAT FMD HAS NOT BEEN DIASNOSED IN THE AREA SINCE MAY 1974, GIVES SOME INDICATION THAT IF FMDV IS PRESENT IN THE AREA, IT IS AT A VERY LOW LEVEL. TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSURANCE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL OF THE CATTLE, APPROXIMATELY 1,000, ON THE SAUTATA FARM BE SAMPLED FOR VIA. ANY ANIMALS WHICH ARE POSITIVE SHOULD BE SAMPLED FOR VIRUS AT LEAST TWO TIMES. IN ADDITION, ALL OF THE CATTLE ON TWO OTHERS FARMS IN ZONE I SHOULD ALSO BE SIMILARLY TESTED FOR VIA AND VIRUS. THE VIA TESTING SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY 3/1/76, AND THE VIRUS TESTING BY 6/1/76.

THE WILDLIFE STUDY IN AREA I SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TEST OF SERUMS OF WILD PIGS AND DEER. THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH ASSISTANCE FROM AN EXPERT IN THIS TYPE OF WORK, AND THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR ARE INSTRUECTED TO IMPLEMENT THIS STUDY SO THATIT MAY BE COMPLETED BY 6/1/76.

PROCEDUREENFOR RESTOCKING HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND ARE BEING FOLLOWED. THESE PROCEDURES WILL CONINUETO BE USED AS ADDITIONAL BREEDING ANIMALS ARE REQUIRED.

### AREA III

IN VIEW OF THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE IN AREAS I AND II, CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FUTURE OF THE PROGRAM AFTER 1978.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CONTROL POSTS BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY TO CONTROL MOVEMENT INTO AREA II FROM AREA III.

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ICA SHOULD PREPARE A PLAN FOR INTENSIFYING THE CONTROL EFFORTS IN AREA III.

OIL VACCINES

PROGRESS ON USE OF OIL ADJUVANT VACCINES IS BEING MADE IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES. IT IS BEING USED ROUTINELY IN SPAIN FOR IMMUNIZATION OF SWINE. IN A STUDY RECENTLY COMPLETED IN BRAZIL, AND CONDUCTED BY THE PAN-AMERICAN FMD CENTER, THE RESULTS OF USE OF THE VACCINE IN CATTLE WERE VERY PROMISING, THE PAN-AMERICAN CENTER IS EXTENDING THE STUDY OF 25,000 CATTLE. BECAUSE OF THE ADVANTAGES THIS TYPE OF VACCINE OFFERS OVER ALUMINUM HYDRIXIDE VACCINE, COLOMBIA SHOULD BEGIN TO GET SOME EXPERIENCE WITH IT UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH PREVAIL HERE. THE PLUM ISLAND ANIMAL DISEASE CENTER IS INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING ON THIS PROJECT AND HAS OFFERED TO PRODUCE THE VACCINES AND ASSIST WITH THE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOLS IF THIS IS DESIRED. WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PROJECT FOR USE FOR OIL ADJUVANT VACCINE TRIALS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THEY BE OBLIGATED FOR THIS PURPOSE WHICH HAS A HIGH PRIORITY.

IT MUST BE REALIZED THAT THIS TYPE OF VACCINE OFFERS THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING FROM 3 TO AT LEAST 2 THE NUMBER OF DOSES OF VACCINE REQUIRED EACH YEAR.  
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